

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 4-16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A delivery system for nicotine comprising

nicotine encapsulated in a microcapsule system comprising yeast cells which releases the encapsulated nicotine on contact of the microcapsules with ~~a nicotine solvent~~ fatty tissue of the buccal cavity.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A The nicotine delivery system according to claim 3 1, comprising a mixture of cells charged with nicotine and diluent, empty cells.

5. (Currently Amended) A The nicotine delivery system according to claim 1, presented in a solid carrier from the surface of which microcapsules are gradually released for controlled delivery.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 5, in which the solid carrier comprises a saliva-soluble or dispersible substance.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 6, in which the solid carrier comprises a lozenge.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 7, in which the lozenge is sugar-based.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 7, having such a size, solubility and charge of nicotine that it delivers, in use over a time period between 4 and 20 minutes, an amount of nicotine equivalent to that delivered by a cigarette.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 9, in which the lozenge is elongate, between 5 and 20 cm in length and snappable ~~as~~ by having preferential snapping positions into a number of portions each capable of comfortable accommodation in the mouth.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 5, in which the solid carrier comprises a chewing gum.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 1, comprising a flavouring substance.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim ~~23~~ 12, in which the flavouring substance is also encapsulated in a microcapsule system.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 1, comprising a vitamin supplement.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 14, in which the vitamin is also encapsulated in a microcapsule system.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The system according to claim 1, comprised in a patch.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Letter to the Official Draftsman is attached with proposed drawing corrections to Figures 2 and 3.

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 2 and 3. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1, 2 and 3, replaces the original sheet of Figs. 1, 2 and 3. In Figures 2 and 3, reference numerals have been added.